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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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May 9, 2012

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Jeff Fawcett Color Country Rock, LLC 2160 East Panorama Parkway St. George, Utah 84790

Subject:

Notice of File Closure, Color Country Rock, LLC, Snow White Quarry, S/053/0065,

Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Fawcett:

On May 1, 2012, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and BLM did a joint inspection of the referenced mine site. Reclamation was completed in late 2010 or early 2011. This is the second growing season since reclamation was completed. During our inspection, a variety of seeded and desirable species were observed and were doing well. Ground cover was similar to the surrounding vegetation cover. The site is considered stable with no signs of accelerated erosion. All garbage and debris has been removed from the site.

Color Country Rock had a reclamation surety in the form of a letter of credit from Sun Bank. The Division was notified that this bank has gone into receivership by the FDIC, and that the letter of credit is now void. While the Division typically requires a partial surety until the end of the third growing season to assure revegetation success, it was determined that due to the positive response to your revegetation efforts, it is highly unlikely that the area will need to be reseeded. Therefore the Division is waiving any requirement for surety for this site. Since reclamation standards have been achieved with the exception of the three growing seasons, the Division has determined to close this file at this time. The BLM has notified the Division that they are also closing their file for this site.

You are hereby released by the Division from further reclamation responsibilities at this site. If you wish to conduct any future mining or exploration related activity in this area, you will need to submit a new notice to the Division and obtain appropriate approvals from other agencies and provide reclamation surety <u>prior</u> to creating any disturbance.



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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact me at (801) 538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler (801) 538-5310. Thank you for completing the reclamation at these sites.

Minerals Program Manager

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